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**A Level**

# **A Level Mathematics**

**C1 Differentiation**

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1. For each of the following functions calculate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ :

(a)  $y = x$ . [2]

(b)  $y = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . [2]

(c)  $y = \frac{4}{3}x^3$ . [2]

(d)  $y = 5x^4 + 3x + 20$ . [3]

(e)  $y = x(x - 1)$ . [3]

(f)  $3x^2 + 2y = 108$ . [3]

(g)  $y = 2x(x - 3)(x - 5)$ . [3]

(h)  $y = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x}$ . [3]

(i)  $y = \frac{3x^3 + 6\sqrt{x} + 3}{3x^{\frac{1}{4}}}$ . [3]

(j)  $xy - 2y - 2x^3 + 4x^2 = 0$  (for  $x \neq 2$ ). [4]

2. Find the gradients of the following functions at the specified points:

(a)  $y = 2x^2$  at  $x = 3$ . [2]

(b)  $y = 3x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x + 1$  at  $x = 0$ . [3]

(c)  $xy - y - 2x^2 + 2x = 0$  at  $x = 2$ . [4]

3. Consider the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 4$ :

(a) By finding  $f'(x)$  show that  $f(x)$  has a stationary point at  $(1, 3)$ . [5]

(b) Determine the nature of the stationary point. [2]

(c) By writing  $f(x)$  in the form  $f(x) = (x + a)^2 + b$ , verify that  $f(x)$  has a stationary point at  $(1, 3)$ . [2]

(d) Calculate the gradient of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 4$ . [2]

(e) Hence, or otherwise show that the equation of the tangent line to  $f(x)$  at  $x = 4$  is  $g(x) = 6(x - 2)$ , where  $g(x)$  denotes the function of the tangent line. [5]

4. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^3 + bx^2 + 2x + 3$ , where  $b$  is some undetermined coefficient:

(a) Find  $f'(x)$  and  $f''(x)$ . [4]

(b) You are given that  $f(x)$  has a stationary point at  $x = 2$ . Use this information to find  $b$ . [3]

(c) Find the *coordinates* of the other stationary point. [2]

(d) Determine the nature of both stationary points. [3]